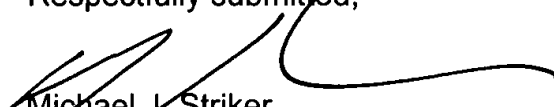


Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

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## Claims

1. A saw blade for power tools, in particular for power reciprocating saws, having a blade back (11) and a tothing (12), extending along the lower edge of the blade back, comprising many saw teeth (13) lined up in succession, characterized in that in successive portions (a, b) of the tothing (12), each with an integral number of saw teeth (13), the saw teeth (13) are embodied with the same tooth width ( $a_z$ ,  $b_z$ ), which however is different from the saw teeth (13) in the preceding or succeeding portion (b, a) of the tothing (12).

2. The saw blade of claim 1, characterized in that the tooth width ( $a_z$ ) of the saw teeth (13) in one set of portions (a) of the tothing (12) is equivalent to the thickness of the blade back (11), and the tooth width ( $b_z$ ) differing from it of the saw teeth (13) in the other portions (b) of the tothing (12) is brought about by material removal or material compacting.

3. The saw blade of claim 2, characterized in that in successive portions (b) of the tothing (12) with saw teeth (13) having the reduced tooth width ( $b_z$ ), the material removal or material compacting is performed in alternation from one side and the other of the blade back (11).

4. The saw blade of claim 3, characterized in that the saw teeth (13) with the reduced tooth width ( $b_z$ ) are transposed, and the transposition is done toward the side of the blade back (11) remote from the material removal or material compacting.

5. The saw blade of [one of claims 2-4] claim 2,

characterized in that parallel recesses (14, 15; 14', 15'; 14'', 15'') spaced apart from one another are made in the blade back (11) on both sides of the blade back (11) and extend past the saw teeth (13) as far as the underside, remote from the blade back (11), of the tothing (12), and that the recesses (14) on one side of the blade back (11) and the recesses (15) on the other side of the blade back (11) are disposed offset from one another longitudinally of the saw blade.

6. The saw blade of claim 5, characterized in that the recesses (14, 15) are extended as far as the upper edge (111), remote from the tothing (12), of the blade back (11).

7. The saw blade of claim 5, characterized in that the recesses (14', 15'; 14'', 15'') end at a distance in front of the upper edge (111), remote from the tothing (12), of the blade back (11).

8. The saw blade of [one of claims 5-7] claim 5, characterized in that the recesses (14, 15; 14', 15') are inclined relative to the tothing (12) at an acute angle ( $\alpha$ ) in the advancement direction of the saw blade (11), and preferably the acute angle ( $\alpha$ ) is equivalent to the rake angle of the saw teeth (13).

9. The saw blade of [one of claims 2-8] claim 2, characterized in that successive portions (a, b) of the tothing (12) have in alternation one tooth of large tooth width ( $a_2$ ) and two teeth (13) of reduced tooth width ( $b_2$ ).

10. The saw blade of [one of claims 5-9] claim 5, characterized in that the recesses (14, 15; 14', 15'; 14'', 15'')

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are cut into the blade back (11) and the tothing (12) before the  
transposition of the saw teeth (13).

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